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Drug Take-Back Event Planned for Sept. 27

WHAT: Wylie Police Department invites the public to bring expired, unwanted or unused prescription drugs to its Prescription Drug Take-Back Event Sept. 27. The service is free and anonymous.

"Help us prevent pill abuse, theft and accidents by ridding your home of expired, unwanted or leftover prescription drugs, as well as over-the-counter medications," said Crime Prevention Officer Angie McIntosh. "Our most recent event was very successful, with almost 500 pounds of drugs collected."

The National Safety Council advises citizens to dispose of unused drugs for many reasons:

Medicines may lose their effectiveness after they have expired, and this can be dangerous for patients with certain medical conditions.

Recommendations regarding medicines may have changed; for instance, it is no longer advised that children under age 4 take cough or cold medications.

Leftover medication can become a safety hazard to members of the household who may not understand the dangers of taking medicine not prescribed for them.

Some prescription meds such as painkillers can be removed from the home without the homeowner's knowledge, which can lead to drug abuse.

WHEN: Saturday, Sept. 27

10 am - 2 pm

WHO: Anyone with unwanted over-the-counter and prescription medications may bring them to the

Wylie PD for safe disposal; service is free and anonymous.

WHERE: Wylie Public Safety Building

2000 N. Hwy. 78 Wylie, Texas 75098

About Wylie -- Incorporated in 1887, the City of Wylie is located just 24 miles from downtown Dallas in Collin, Dallas and Rockwall Counties. Possessing an outstanding school district, a low crime rate, an ISO #1 rating and an expanding business climate, Wylie (population 44,158) is one of the fastest growing communities in the State of Texas with a 192% increase since 2000.